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SUBJECT: IMMIGRATION CASE-MR. SEBSIBE MAMO

REFS: (A) STATE 225709, (B) ADDIS 9384, 8/5/75

(C) ADDIS 3205, 3/18/75

1. EMBASSY IN POSITION TO CONFIRM FOLLOWING FACTS ONLY PER REFTEL:
ETHIOPIAN HERALD NEWSPAPER OF MARCH 15, 1975 STATED THAT
DEJAZMATCH SHEWAREGED BESHE AND HIS BROTHER LT. COL. AMARE
BESHE AND TWO ACCOMPLICES WERE KILLED DURING SHOOTOUT WITH
SECURITY FORCES ON MARCH 13, 1975. THE TWO BROTHERS WERE
ALLEGEDLY ENGAGED IN ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES.
SAME ARTICLE REPORTED MAMO BESHE WAS ARRESTED MARCH 8, 1975 IN
SHOA PROVINCE FOR OPPOSING POPULAR MOVEMENT IN ETHIOPIA, PAR-
TICULARLY LAND REFORM PROGRAM OF THE CURRENT ETHIOPIAN REGIME.
AT TIME OF ARREST, MAMO BESHE WAS FITAWRARI, HONORARY TITLE
GIVEN HIM BY EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE I CIRCA 1959. MAMO BESHE
HAD LONG CAREER OF GOVERNMENT SERVICE DATING BACK TO 1945.
LAST OFFICIAL POST HELD WAS AS GOVERNOR OF MENZ-GESHI DISTRICT
OF SHOA PROVINCE TO WHICH HE WAS APPOINTED IN OCTOBER , 1973.

2. DEJAZMATCH YILMA BESHIE, A FORMER LANDOWNER IN NORTH-
EASTERN SHOA PROVINCE WAS CHARGED BY PMAC WITH OPPOSING
LAND REFORM PROCLAMATION, DISSEMINATING FALSE RUMORS
AMONG THE PEASANTS, AND KILLING THREE SECURITY OFFICERS
WHO ATTEMPTED TO ARREST HIM. HE WAS EXECUTED BY FIRING
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SQUAD ON AUGUST 2, 1975, WITH NINETEEN OTHERS, AS REPORTED

BY ETHIOPIAN HERALD OF AUGUST 3, 1975.

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